



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: NETWORK-BASED DESIGN SERVICE SYSTEM AND ITS DESIGN METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are all the claims pending in the application.

**Claim Rejections**

Claims 1-12 and 18-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Keane. The Examiner indicates that claims 13-17 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over previously-cited references Shear, U.S. Patent No. 5,410,598 ("Shear") and Peters, WO 02/097705 ("Peters") (Office Action, p. 6). However, in the specific discussion of claims 13-17 and 25-27, the Examiner references only Keane